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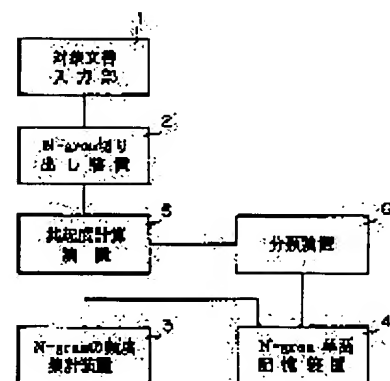
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(54) AUTOMATIC COMPOUND WORD EXTRACTION DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To efficiently and automatically collect a compound word whose degree of cooccurrence is large with respect to an idiom and a compound word by the combination of words whose speciality is not high.

CONSTITUTION: An N-gram segment device 2 segments N-gram of a word from an objective document which is read from an objective document input part 1. A frequency adding-up device 3 adds up the appearing frequency of the compound word of segmented N-gram and a word storage device 4 stores the N-gram compound word and appearing frequency that the frequency adding-up device 3 adds up. A cooccurrence degree calculation device 5 calculates the cooccurrence degree of N-gram by using appearing frequency in the objective document of the respective words constituting N-gram and the appearing frequency of N-gram itself. A classification device 6 rearranges information in the word storage device 4 by the value of the cooccurrence degree calculated by the cooccurrence degree calculation device 5.



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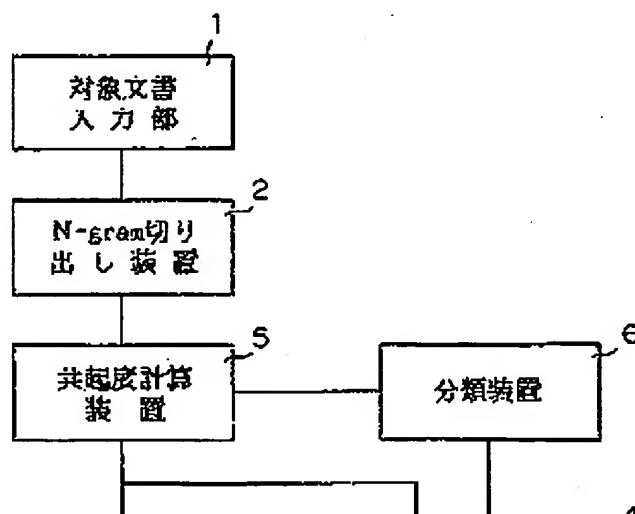
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(54) 【発明の名称】 適語自動抽出装置

(57) 【要約】

【目的】 専門性の高い語でない語の組合せによる熟語や連語に対しても、効率良く、共起の度合いが強い連語を自動的に収集する。

【構成】 対象文書入力部1から読み込まれた対象文書から単語のN-gramをN-gram切り出し装置2により切り出す。切り出されたN-gramの連続語の出現頻度を頻度集計装置3により集計し、N-gram接続語と、前記頻度集計装置3により集計された出現頻度を単語記憶装置4により記憶する。前記N-gramを構成する各単語の対象文書中の出現頻度と、N-gram自体の出現頻度とを用いてN-gramの共起度を共起度計算装置5により計算する。分類装置6は前記共起度計算装置5で計算された共



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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項 1】 対象文書を読み込む対象文書入力部と、該対象文書入力部に読み込まれた対象文書から単語の N-gram ($N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{\max}$) を切り出す切り出し装置と、該切り出し装置により切り出された N-gram の追接語の出現頻度を集計する頻度集計装置と、N-gram 追接語と該追接語の出現頻度を記憶する単語記憶装置と、前記 N-gram を構成する各単語の対象文書中の出現頻度と N-gram 自体の出現頻度とを用いて N-gram の共起度を計算する共起度計算装置と、該共起度計算装置により計算された共起度の値で前記単語記憶装置内の情報を並べ変える分類装置とを有することを特徴とする追語自動抽出装置。

【請求項 2】 用語として抽出すべき条件に合わない構成を記憶する条件設定記憶装置と、前記単語記憶装置中に記憶した構成に合う N-gram を排除するためのパターンマッチ装置とを用いてさらに精度良く追語を抽出することを特徴とする請求項 1 記載の追語自動抽出装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】 本発明は、言語処理装置における追語自動抽出装置に関し、より詳細には、対象文書から追語を効率よく自動収集するための追語自動抽出装置に関する。例えば、機械翻訳やワードプロセッサなどの用語辞書作成装置に適用されるものである。

【0002】

【従来の技術】 従来の言語処理装置について記載した公知文献としては、例えば、特開平 6-19968 号公報がある。この公報のものは、膨大な単語のなかから専門用語を容易に抽出できるようにし、専門用語辞書の構築を短時間で容易に行うことができるようにするために、単語分割装置で入力文が単語に区切られて品詞情報が付与される等の正規化が行われ、単語分割装置で正規化された入力データは専門用語判定装置に出力され、この専門用語判定装置で前記各辞書を参照しながら各単語の評価が行われ、この評価に従って専門用語の候補が抽出されるものである。しかし、専門用語判定は、構成語数、構成語の使用頻度、分野別用語辞書、字種（カタカナ語）を考慮して行い、分野別用語辞書を必要としている。また、前記公報のものは、判定対象の専門用語候補選定についての記述がない。

【0003】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】 例えば、機械翻訳シス

おり、装置が重くなるという欠点があった。

【0004】 本発明は、このような実情に鑑みてなされたもので、専門性の高い語でない語の組合せによる熟語や追語に対しても、複数語からなるエントリを共起しているのか、あるいは偶然による接続かを見極め、効率良く、共起の度合いが強い追語を自動的に収集するようにした追語自動抽出装置を提供することを目的としている。

【0005】

【課題を解決するための手段】 本発明は、上記課題を解決するために、（１）対象文書を読み込む対象文書入力部と、該対象文書入力部に読み込まれた対象文書から単語の N-gram ($N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{\max}$) を切り出す切り出し装置と、該切り出し装置により切り出された N-gram の追接語の出現頻度を集計する頻度集計装置と、N-gram 追接語と該追接語の出現頻度を記憶する単語記憶装置と、前記 N-gram を構成する各単語の対象文書中の出現頻度 ($N = 1$ の場合) と N-gram 自体の出現頻度とを用いて N-gram の共起度を計算する共起度計算装置と、該共起度計算装置により計算された共起度の値で前記単語記憶装置内の情報を並べ変える分類装置とを有すること、更には、（２）用語として抽出すべき条件に合わない構成を記憶する条件設定記憶装置と、前記単語記憶装置中に記憶した構成に合う N-gram を排除するためのパターンマッチ装置とを用いてさらに精度良く追語を抽出することを特徴としたものである。

【0006】

【作用】 前記構成を有する本発明の追語自動抽出装置は、（１）対象文書を入力し、該対象文書から単語の N-gram ($N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{\max}$) を切り出し、切り出された N-gram の追接語の出現頻度を集計し、N-gram 追接語とその出現頻度を記憶し、前記 N-gram を構成する各単語の対象文書中の出現頻度 ($N = 1$ の場合) と N-gram 自体の出現頻度とを用いて N-gram の共起度を計算し、共起度の値で記憶装置内の情報を並べ変えることにより、追語の構成語の共起の強さをその構成語の出現頻度と追語の出現頻度から求めることができるので、辞書などを使用しないで、簡単な装置で、入力文において、強い共起をもって追語として出現する語を効率良く自動的に迅速に抽出することができる。（２）用語として抽出すべき条件に合わない構成を記憶し、記憶した構成に合う N-gram を排除するためのパターンマッチ装置を用いてさらに精度良く追語を抽出するので、前記（１）で

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する。まず、対象文書からN-gramの接続語を抽出する(N=1, 2, 3, ..., Nmax)。対象文書が英語の場合であれば、言語の形態的特徴からスペース文字等を参考にして一語一語を分割する。N=3の3-gramであれば、最大3単語連続する用語を切り出す。抽出したN接続語は、出現頻度を集計する装置により、その出現頻度をカウント集計する。また、各一単語ごとの出現頻度をカウントして集計する。この結果は、N-gram単語記憶装置に記憶される。

【0008】入力文書に対する出現頻度の集計が終わる*10

$$\frac{P(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{P(w1) \times P(w2) \times P(w3) \times \dots \times P(wN)}$$

... (1)

ここで、

$$P(w1) = \frac{H(w1)}{A}$$

$$P(w2) = \frac{H(w2)}{A}$$

$$P(w3) = \frac{H(w3)}{A}$$

.....

$$P(wN) = \frac{H(wN)}{A}$$

$$P(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN) = \frac{H(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{A - (N - 1)}$$

... (2)

である。

Aの値がNに比べて充分大きいとき、式(2)は

$$\frac{H(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{A}$$

と近似できる。

【0010】(1)式の分母は、連語を構成する各単語の出現確率から各語が偶然に接続する確率を表す。

(1)式の分子は、実際に各語が接続して出現する確率である。したがって、(1)式はある連語が実際に接続する確率と偶然に接続する確率との比となる。(1)式の値が高いほど、そのN-gramの接続語は、共起して出現する度合いが高いといえる。逆に低い場合は、共起するよりも偶然に接続したものである可能性が高い。

【0011】図1は、本発明による連語自動抽出装置の一実施例(実施例1)を説明するための構成図で、図中、1は対象文書入力部、2はN-gram切り出し装置、3はN-gramの頻度集計装置、4はN-gram単語記憶装置

*と、N-gram単語記憶装置内のN-gramの接続語に対して共起度の計算を、例えば、以下の式に従って計算する。N接続の語が、つまり連語の構成語がそれぞれw1, w2, w3, ..., wNの時、それぞれの出現頻度がH(w1), H(w2), ..., H(w3)で、N接続語自体の出現頻度がH(w1, w2, w3, ..., wN)と表す。また、対象入力文書の総語数をAとする。

【0009】

【数1】

頻度集計装置3により集計し、N-gram接続語と、前記頻度集計装置3により集計された出現頻度を単語記憶装置4により記憶する。

【0013】前記N-gramを構成する各単語の対象文書中の出現頻度(N=1の場合)と、N-gram自体の出現頻度とを用いてN-gramの共起度を共起度計算装置5により計算する。分類装置6は前記共起度計算装置5で計算された共起度の値で単語記憶装置4内の情報を並べ変える。このようにして、専門性の高い語でない語の組合せによる熟語や連語に対しても、複数語からなるエントリを共起しているか、あるいは偶然による接続かを見きわめ、効率の良い、共起の度合いが低い連語を自動的に

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部1より原文の先頭からi単語目からj単語を入力し、変数wordsに格納する(S3)。次に、(i+j-1)番目の単語が存在するかどうかを判断し(S4)。単語が存在していれば、次に、出現頻度記憶装置4にwordsの中の単語列が既に存在するかどうかを判断する(S5)。存在しなければ、wordsの中味を出現頻度記憶装置4に出現回数1として記憶し(S6)、変数jを1だけカウントアップし(S7)、前記ステップS2へ戻る。

【0015】前記ステップS5において、出現頻度記憶装置4にwordsの中の単語列が既に存在していれば、出現頻度記憶装置4に記憶されているwordsの中味の出現回数を1だけカウントアップし(S8)、前記ステップS7へ行く。前記ステップS2において、変数jの値が最大連語接続数Nの値を超えたら、jに1をセットし、iを1カウントアップし(S9)、前記ステップS3へ*

The orchestra gave him superb support. ← 入力文
(番号 1 2 3 4 5 6)

【0019】最大3 gramの連語を自動抽出する実施例について説明する。まず、変数iとjに初期値1をセットする(S1)。対象入力部1から対象文書を読み込み、変数jが最大連語数3を超えていないので(S2)、先頭(i=1)から1単語(j=1)を得る(S3)。つまり、“The”が得られる。i+j-1=1番目の単語は存在するので(S4)、この単語がN-gram単語記憶装置4に記憶されているかどうか調べる(S5)。まだ記憶されていないので、新規にN-gram単語記憶装置4に語“The”をその出現回数1として記憶する(S6)。既に記憶されている場合は出現回数を1だけカウントアップする(S8)。jを1だけカウントアップし(S7)、次に先頭(i=1)から2単語(j+1)を得る。

【0020】つまり、“The orchestra”を得る。i+j-1=2番目の単語は存在するので(S4)。この単語がN-gram単語記憶装置4に記憶されているかどうか調べる。まだ記憶されていないので、新規に記憶し出現回数を1とする。同様にj=3のときは、“The orchestra gave”を得る。jを1つカウントアップすると(S7)、j=4となる。jが最大連語接続数3を超えるので、jに1をセットしiを1カウントアップして2とする(S9)。

【0021】次に、第2番目(i=2)の単語から1単語(i=1)を得る。“orchestra”が得られる。i=

*行く。前記ステップS4において、(i+j-1)番目の単語が存在しなければ、次に、jがiと等しいかどうかを判断し(S10)、等しくなければ、前記ステップS9へ行き、等しければ、対象文書の総語数を記憶する変数Aに1-1をセットする(S11)。

【0016】次に、出現頻度記憶装置4に記憶された最大N個の連語の共起度を計算する。結果を出現頻度記憶装置4に記憶し(S12)。分類装置6により出現頻度記憶装置4に記憶された情報を共起度の高い順に並び変える(S13)。

【0017】以下、本発明の実施例1について、例文に基づき具体的に説明する。対象文書入力部から原文を入力する。

【0018】

【表1】

されている。この後、式(1)に従って出現頻度から各連語の共起度を計算し、結果を単語記憶装置4に記憶する(S12)。さらに、共起度の値の高い順に分類(ソート)し直す。

【0022】例えば、対象入力文を100万語用意し、最大3の接続語を抽出する場合、共起度計算後のN-gram単語記憶装置4は、図5のようになる。N=1の場合については共起度は求めていない。共起度の値の大ききでソートし、例えば、上位50%を候補とするなどのしきい値を決めたり、連語の数が同じものごとに共起度の値でソート(ソート方法としては、クイックソート、マージソート、単純ソートなどがある)し、それぞれの長さの連語ごとに抽出する連語の共起度の値をあるしきい値以上と設定するというやり方で共起度の強い連語を自動的に抽出することができる。

【0023】図6は、本発明による連語自動抽出装置の他の実施例(実施例2)を説明するための構成図で、図中、7はパターンマッチ装置、8は条件設定記憶装置で、その他、図1と同じ作用をする部分は同一の符号を付してある。

【0024】対象文書を対象文書入力部1から読み込み、該対象文書入力部1から読み込まれた対象文書から単語のN-gram(N=1, 2, 3, ..., Nmax)をN-gram切り出し装置2により切り出す。該N-gram切り出し装置2により切り出されたN-gramの接続語の出現頻度を

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算された共起度の値で単語記憶装置4内の情報を並べ変える。このようにして、専門性の高い語でない語の組合せによる熟語や直語に対しても、複数語からなるエントリを共起しているか、あるいは偶然による接続かを見きわめ、効率の良い、共起の度合いが強い連語を自動的に収集することができる。

【0026】条件設定記憶装置8は、用語として抽出すべき条件に合わない構成を記憶し、パターンマッチ装置7は、前記条件設定記憶装置8中に記憶した構成に合うN-gramを排除するためのもので、これらを用いることにより、さらに程度良く直語を抽出することができる。すなわち、実施例2においては、用語として抽出条件に合わない構成とは、連語となりにくいパターンをさしている。例えば、冠詞とある1単語の2接続語の場合、あるいは代名詞（英語では、his, my, your, their, them, him など）と別の語の2接続などがある。

【0027】実施例2の例を以下に示す。表2の例は、接続数を2と限定し、その場合の2接続語の第一語が装置内に記憶された“the”、“a”、“an”、“his”、…などのいずれかであるとき、それを抽出用語の対象から排除する場合である。パターンマッチはパターンマッチ装置7により文字列の比較により行われる。

【0028】

【表2】

接続数	先頭語
2	the
2	a
2	an
2	his
2	her
2	their
2	my
2	your

【0029】また、表3の例では、接続数を2と限定し、その場合の2接続語の第一語が装置内に記憶された“the”、“a”、“an”のいずれかであり、かつ第2の単語が“in”、“of”、“with”、“from”、“to”のいずれかであるその直語を抽出用語の対象から排除する場合である。パターンマッチはパターンマッチ装置7により文字列の比較により行われる。

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【表3】

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接続数	先頭語	第2単語
2	the	is
	a	of
	an	wish
		for
		can
		from
		to

【0031】

【発明の効果】以上の説明から明らかなように、本発明によると、以下のような効果がある。

(1) 請求項1に対応する効果：連語の構成語の共起の強さをその構成語の出現頻度と連語の出現頻度から求めることができるので、辞書などを使用しないで、簡単な装置で、入力文において、強い共起をもって連語として出現する語を効率良く自動的に迅速に抽出することができる。

(2) 請求項2に対応する効果：前記(1)で抽出した語の中で用語として抽出するには不適切であると思われるN-gramパターンを予め条件設定記憶装置に記憶しておくので、用語候補からこのパターンにマッチするものを排除することができ、精度良く用語を抽出することができる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】 本発明による直語自動抽出装置の一実施例を説明するための構成図である。

【図2】 本発明による直語自動抽出装置の動作を説明するためのフローチャート（その1）である。

【図3】 本発明による直語自動抽出装置の動作を説明するためのフローチャート（その2）である。

【図4】 本発明におけるN-gram単語記憶装置の記憶例を示す図である。

【図5】 本発明におけるN-gram単語記憶装置の他の記憶例を示す図である。

【図6】 本発明による直語自動抽出装置の他の実施例を説明するための構成図である。

【符号の説明】

1…1は対象文書入力部、2…N-gram切り出し装置、

3…N-gramの頻度集計装置、4…N-gram単語記憶装置、

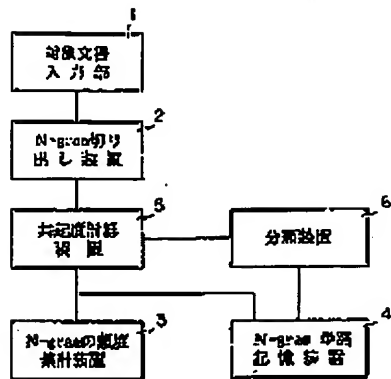
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マッチ装置、8…条件設定記憶装置。

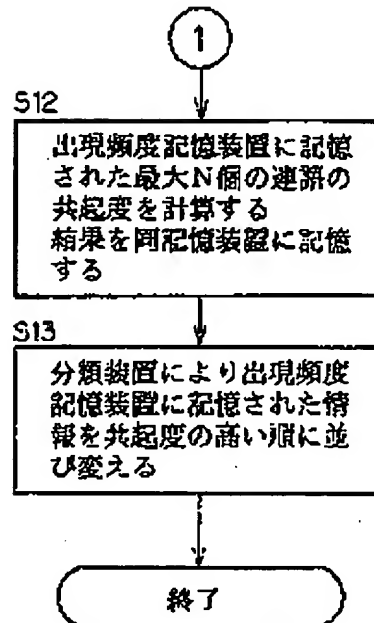
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【図1】



【図3】



【図4】

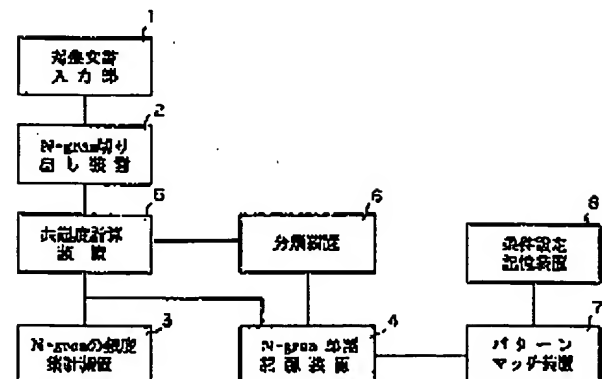
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The	1	-
The orchestra	1	-
The orchestra gave	1	-
orchestra	1	-
orchestra gave	1	-
orchestra gave him	1	-
gave	1	-
gave him	1	-
gave him superb	1	-
him	1	-
him superb	1	-
him superb support	1	-
superb	1	-
superb support	1	-
support	1	-

N-gram単語記憶装置の記憶例

【図5】

N-連語	出現頻度	共起度
securities brings fannie	3	396920
securities	1654	
brings	64	
fannie	119	
the khmer rouge	12	306784
the	116415	
khmer	14	
rouge	24	
calls seeking comment	10	134985
calls	335	
seeking	342	
comment	628	
premium over yesterday's	6	57825
premium	165	
over	2437	
yesterday's	220	
public employees retirement	6	47793
public	1082	
employees	586	
retirement	193	
securities brings	8	758
brings fannie	8	1050
the khmer	12	7
khmer rouge	14	41657
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seeking comment	11	51
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over yesterday's	8	8
public employees	10	13
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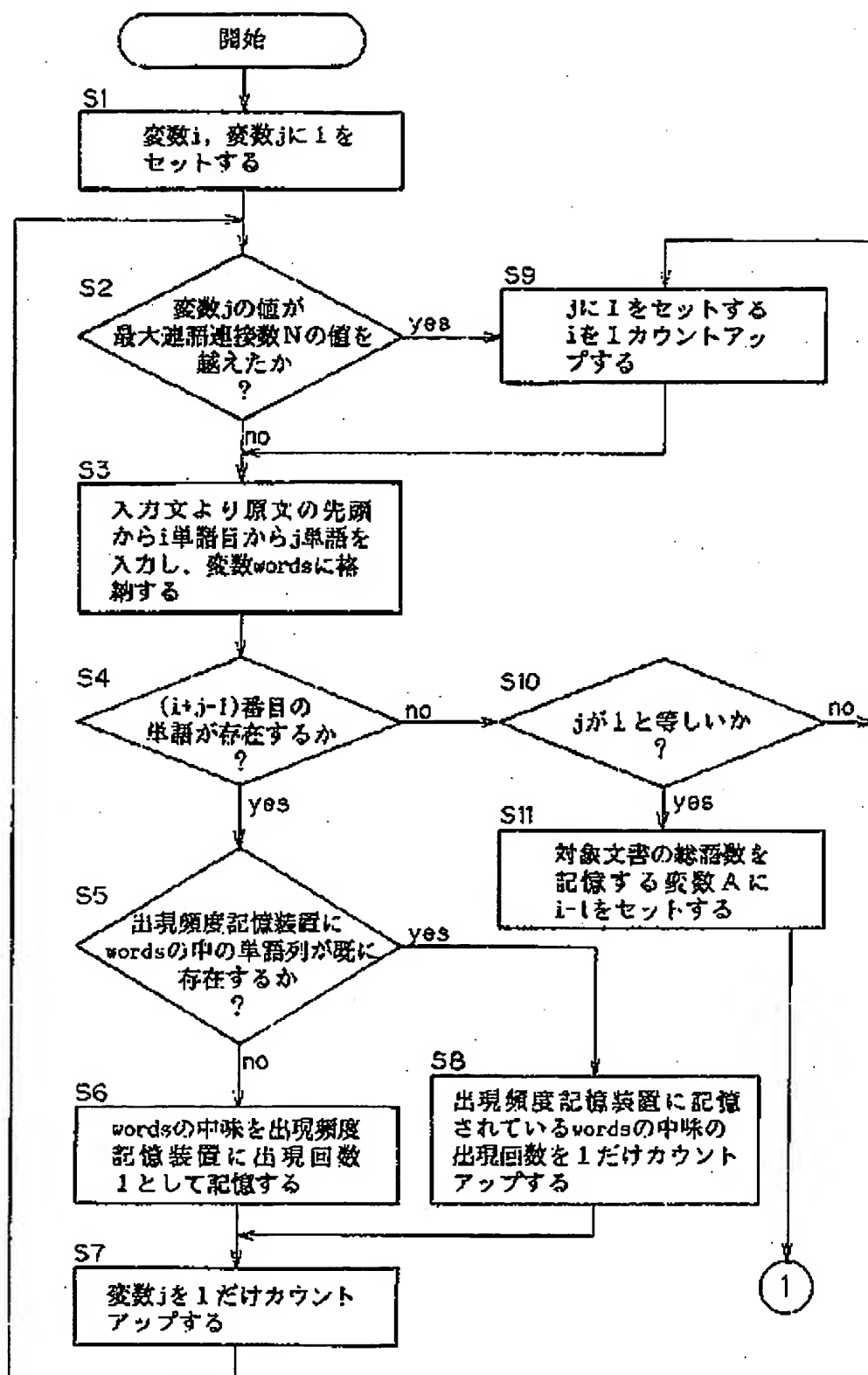
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【図2】



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The object document input section which reads an object document, and the logging equipment which starts N-gram (N= 1, 2 and 3, --, Nmax) of a word from the object document read into this object document input section, The frequency total equipment which totals the frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this logging equipment, The word storage which memorizes the frequency of occurrence of a N-gram connection word and this connection word, Whenever [coincidence / which calculates whenever / coincidence / of N-gram / using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram, and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself] Count equipment, Copula automatic extracting equipment characterized by having classification equipment into which the information in said word storage is put in order and changed with the value of whenever [coincidence / which was calculated by count equipment whenever / this coincidence].

[Claim 2] Copula automatic extracting equipment according to claim 1 characterized by extracting a copula with a still more sufficient precision using the pattern match equipment for eliminating N-gram suitable for the configuration memorized in the conditioning storage which memorizes the configuration which does not suit the conditions which should be extracted as vocabulary, and said word storage.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the copula automatic extracting equipment for carrying out automatic collection of the copula efficiently from an object document at a detail more about the copula automatic extracting equipment in language-processing equipment. For example, it is applied to vocabulary dictionary listing devices, such as machine translation and a word processor.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] As well-known reference which indicated conventional language-processing equipment, there is JP,6-19968,A, for example. In order for the thing of this official report to enable it to extract a technical term easily out of a huge word and to enable it to build a technical-term dictionary easily for a short time An input statement is divided into a word with word division equipment, and normalization of part-of-speech information being given is performed. The input data which it normalized with word division equipment is outputted to technical-term judging equipment, while this technical-term judging equipment refers said each dictionary, evaluation of each word is performed, and the candidate of a technical term is extracted according to this evaluation. However, a technical-term judging is performed in consideration of the number of configuration words, the operating frequency of a configuration word, the vocabulary dictionary classified by field, and a type of letters (katakana word), and the vocabulary dictionary classified by field is needed. Moreover, the thing of said official report does not have the description about the technical-term candidate selection for a judgment.

[0003]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] For example, in a machine translation system, in translating the text of a certain specific field, it is, or it registers the vocabulary of the field into the dictionary in advance how much, and the engine performance of a translation acts greatly. However, by the conventional technical-term detection approach of having used unknown word retrieval, there was a fault that the technical term which consists of two or more words could not be efficiently extracted like an idiom or a copula. Moreover, the thing of said official report was collecting vocabulary using the vocabulary dictionary classified by field, and there was a fault that equipment became heavy.

[0004] This invention discerns coinciding the entry which was not made in view of such the actual condition, and consists of two or more words also to the idiom and copula by combination of the word which is not a high word of an expert, or the connection depended by chance, and it is efficient and it aims at offering the copula automatic extracting equipment with which the degree of coincidence collected strong copulas automatically.

[0005]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The object document input section which reads the document for (1) in order that this invention may solve the above-mentioned technical problem, The logging equipment which starts N-gram (N= 1, 2 and 3, --, Nmax) of a word from the object document read into this object document input section, The frequency total equipment which totals the frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this logging equipment, The word storage which memorizes the frequency of occurrence of a N-gram connection word and this connection word, Whenever [coincidence / which calculates whenever / coincidence / of N-gram / using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram (in the case of N= 1), and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself] Count equipment, having classification equipment into which the information in said word storage is put in order and changed with the value of whenever [coincidence / which was calculated by count equipment whenever / this coincidence] -- further (2) It is characterized by extracting a copula with a still more sufficient precision using the pattern match equipment for eliminating N-gram suitable for the configuration memorized in the conditioning storage which memorizes the configuration which does not suit the

conditions which should be extracted as vocabulary, and said word storage.

[0006]

[Function] The copula automatic extracting equipment of this invention which has said configuration (1) Input an object document and N-gram ($N=1, 2$ and $3, \dots, N_{\max}$) of a word is started from this object document. Total the frequency of occurrence of the connection word of started N-gram, and a N-gram connection word and its frequency of occurrence are memorized. By calculating whenever [coincidence / of N-gram] using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram (in the case of $N=1$), and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself, and putting in order and changing the information in storage with the value of whenever [coincidence] The word which appears as a copula with strong coincidence in an input statement with easy equipment can be quickly extracted efficiently automatically without using a dictionary etc., since it can ask for the strength [the configuration word of a copula] of coincidence from the frequency of occurrence of the configuration word, and the frequency of occurrence of a copula. (2) Memorize the configuration which does not suit the conditions which should be extracted as vocabulary, and since a copula is extracted with a still more sufficient precision using the pattern match equipment for eliminating N-gram suitable for the configuration which memorized By memorizing beforehand the N-gram pattern considered to be unsuitable for extracting as vocabulary in the word extracted above (1) to the conditioning store, what matches this pattern from a vocabulary candidate can be eliminated, and the vocabulary can be extracted with a sufficient precision.

[0007]

[Example] An example is explained below with reference to a drawing. First, the connection word of N-gram is extracted from an object document ($N=1, 2$ and $3, \dots, N_{\max}$). If it is the case where an object document is English, it will refer to a space character etc. from the gestalt-description of language, and every word will be divided. If it is 3-gram of $N=3$, the vocabulary which carries out a maximum of 3 word connection will be started. Extracted N connection word carries out the count total of the frequency of occurrence with the equipment which totals the frequency of occurrence. Moreover, the frequency of occurrence for every word is counted, and it totals. This result is memorized by N-gram word storage.

[0008] After the total of the frequency of occurrence to an input-statement document finishes, count of whenever [coincidence] is calculated according to the following formulas to the connection word of N-gram in N-gram word storage. When the words of N connection, i.e., the configuration word of a copula, are $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_N$, respectively, the frequency of occurrence of the N connection word itself expresses [each frequency of occurrence] with $H(w_1), H(w_2), \dots, H(w_3) H(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_N)$. Moreover, the total number of words of an object input-statement document is set to A.

[0009]

[Equation 1]

$$\frac{P(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{P(w1) \times P(w2) \times P(w3) \times \dots \times P(wN)} \dots (1)$$

ここで、

$$P(w1) = \frac{H(w1)}{A}$$

$$P(w2) = \frac{H(w2)}{A}$$

$$P(w3) = \frac{H(w3)}{A}$$

.....

$$P(wN) = \frac{H(wN)}{A}$$

$$P(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN) = \frac{H(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{A - (N - 1)} \dots (2)$$

である。

A の値が N に比べて充分大きいとき、式 (2) は
$$\frac{H(w1, w2, w3, \dots, wN)}{A}$$

と近似できる。

[0010] (1) The denominator of a formula expresses the probability which each word connects by chance from the appearance probability of each word which constitutes a copula. (1) The molecule of a formula is the probability for each word to be connected and to actually appear. Therefore, (1) type serves as a ratio of the probability which a certain copula actually connects, and the probability connected [chance]. (1) It can be said that the connection word of the N-gram has the high degree which coincides and appears, so that the value of a formula is high. conversely, when low, it coincides -- as -- ** -- possibility of connecting by chance is high.

[0011] Drawing 1 is a block diagram for explaining one example (example 1) of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention, and, for N-gram logging equipment and 3, as for N-gram word storage (frequency-of-occurrence storage) and 5, the frequency total equipment of N-gram and 4 are [one / the object document input section and 2 / count equipment and 6] classification equipment whenever [coincidence] among drawing.

[0012] N-gram (N= 1, 2 and 3, --, Nmax) of a word is started with N-gram logging equipment 2 from the object document which read the object document from the object document input section 1, and was read from this object document input section 1. The frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this N-gram logging equipment 2 is totaled with frequency total equipment 3, and the frequency of occurrence totaled by said frequency total equipment 3 is remembered to be a N-gram connection word with the word storage 4.

[0013] Whenever [coincidence / of N-gram] is calculated with count equipment 5 whenever [coincidence] using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram (in the case of N= 1), and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself. Classification equipment 6 puts in order and changes the information in the word storage 4 with the value of whenever [coincidence / which was calculated with count equipment 5 whenever / said coincidence]. Thus, it can discern whether they are whether the entry which consists of two or more words is coincided also to the idiom and copula by combination of the word which is not a high word of an expert, and the connection depended by chance, and the efficient degree of coincidence can collect strong copulas automatically.

[0014] Drawing 2 and drawing 3 are the flow charts for explaining actuation of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention. Hereafter, according to each step (S), it explains in order. First, Variable i and Variable j are set to 1 (S1), and it judges whether the value whose value of Variable j is the number N of the maximum copula connection was exceeded (S2). If it is not over the value of N next, from the object document input section 1, j word is inputted from i word eye from the head of the text, and it stores in Variable words (S3). Next, if it judges whether the word of eye watch (i+j -1) exists and (S4) and a word exist next, it will judge whether the word train in words already exists in the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S5). If it does not exist, the contents of words are memorized as a count 1 of an appearance to the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S6), only 1 counts up Variable j (S7), and it returns to said step S2.

[0015] In said step S5, if the word train in words has already existed in the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4, only 1 will count up the count of an appearance of the contents of words memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S8), and it will go to said step S7. In said step S2, if the value whose value of Variable j is the number N of the maximum copula connection is exceeded, 1 will be set to j, i will be counted up one time, and it will go to (S9) and said step S3. In said step S4, it judges whether if the word of eye watch (i+j -1) does not exist next, j is equal to i (S10), and if not equal, if equal, i-1 will be set to going and the variable A which memorizes the total number of words of an object document to said step S9 (S11).

[0016] Next, whenever [coincidence / of the copula of the amount size N individual memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4] is calculated. The information which memorized the result to the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S12), and was memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 with classification equipment 6 is changed together with the high order of whenever [coincidence] (S13).

[0017] Hereafter, the example 1 of this invention is concretely explained based on an example. The text is inputted from the object document input section.

[0018]

[Table 1]

The orchestra gave him superb support. ← 入力文
(語番号 1 2 3 4 5 6)

[0019] The example which carries out automatic extracting of the 3 grams [a maximum of] copula is explained. First, initial value 1 is set to one variables i and j (S1). Since an object document is read from the object input section 1 and Variable j is not over the three maximum copulas (S2), one word (j= 1) is obtained from a head (i= 1) (S3). That is, "The" is obtained. Since an i+j-1=1 position word exists, (S4) and this word investigate whether the N-gram word storage 4 memorizes (S5). Since it does not memorize yet, a word "The" is newly memorized as the count 1 of an appearance to the N-gram word storage 4 (S6). When having already memorized, only 1 counts up the count of an appearance (S8). Only 1 counts up j (S7) and then two words (j+1) are obtained from a head (i= 1).

[0020] That is, "The orchestra" is obtained. Since an i+j-1=2 position word exists, (S4) and this word investigate whether the N-gram word storage 4 memorizes. Since it does not memorize yet, it memorizes newly and the count of an appearance is set to 1. At the time of j= 3, "The orchestra gave" is obtained similarly. It will be set to j= 4 if one j is counted up (S7). Since j exceeds three maximum copula connection, 1 is set to j, i is counted up one time, and it is referred to as 2 (S9).

[0021] Next, one word (j= 1) is obtained from the 2nd word (i= 2). "orchestra" is obtained. If the connection word is started like the case of i= 1, counting up j to a maximum of 3, "orchestra gave" and "orchestra gave him" will be started, and N-gram word storage will memorize with the count of an appearance. Said processing is repeated to i= 6. Finally the contents of drawing 4 are memorized by the N-gram word storage 4. Then, according to a formula (1), whenever [coincidence / of each copula] is calculated from the frequency of occurrence, and a result is memorized to the word storage 4 (S12). Furthermore, it does again a classification (sort) in the expensive order of whenever [coincidence].

[0022] For example, when preparing 1 million object input statements and extracting the connection word of a maximum of 3, the N-gram word storage 4 after count becomes like drawing 5 whenever [coincidence]. It is not asking for whenever [coincidence] about the case of N= 1. It sorts in the magnitude of the value of whenever [coincidence], for example, a threshold, such as making 50% of high orders into a candidate, is decided, or the number of copulas sorts with the value of whenever [coincidence] to things same (as the sort approach). There can be quick sort, a merge sort, a simple sorting method, etc., and can carry out, and the method of setting up the value of whenever [coincidence / of the copula extracted for every copula of each die length] more than with a certain threshold can extract the strong copula of whenever [coincidence] automatically.

[0023] The part which drawing 6 is a block diagram for explaining other examples (example 2) of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention, and seven are conditioning storage pattern match equipment and 8 among drawing, in addition carries out the same operation as drawing 1 has attached the same sign.

[0024] N-gram (N= 1, 2 and 3, --, Nmax) of a word is started with N-gram logging equipment 2 from the object document which read the object document from the object document input section 1, and was read from this object document input section 1. The frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this N-gram logging equipment 2 is totaled with frequency total equipment 3, and the frequency of occurrence totaled by said frequency total equipment 3 is remembered to be a N-gram connection word with the word storage 4.

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[0026] The configuration which does not suit the conditions which should be extracted as vocabulary is memorized, pattern match equipment 7 is for eliminating N-gram suitable for the configuration memorized in said conditioning store 8, and the conditioning store 8 can extract a copula with still more sufficient extent by using these. That is, in an example 2, the configuration which does not suit an extraction condition as vocabulary requires very the pattern which cannot serve as a copula easily. For example, there is two connection of a word different from the case of 2 connection words of an article and one certain word or pronouns (English his, my, your, their, them, him, etc.) etc.

[0027] The example of an example 2 is shown below. The example of Table 2 is the case where it is eliminated from the object of the extract vocabulary, when it is "the", "a", "an", "his" or, and -- limited the number of connection with 2, and the first word of 2 connection words in that case was remembered to be in equipment. A pattern match is performed by the string comparison with pattern match equipment 7.

[0028]

[Table 2]

連接数	先頭語
2	the
2	a
2	an
2	his
2	her
2	their
2	my
2	your

[0029] Moreover, it is the case where the copula whose 2nd word it is "the", "a" or, and "an" limited the number of connection with 2, and the first word of 2 connection words in that case was remembered to be in equipment in the example of Table 3, and is "in", "of", "with", --"from", or "to" is eliminated from the object of the extract vocabulary. A pattern match is performed by the string comparison with pattern match equipment 7.

[0030]

[Table 3]

連接数	先頭語	第2単語
2	the	in
	a	of
	an	with
		for
		on
		from
		to

[0031]

[Effect of the Invention] According to this invention, there is the following effectiveness so that clearly from the above explanation.

(1) Effectiveness corresponding to claim 1 : the word which appears as a copula with strong coincidence in an input statement with easy equipment can be quickly extracted efficiently automatically without using a dictionary etc., since it can ask for the strength [the configuration word of a copula] of coincidence from the frequency of occurrence of the configuration word, and the frequency of occurrence of a copula.

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[0009]

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gram has the high degree which coincides and appears, so that the value of a formula is high. conversely, when low, it coincides -- as -- ** -- possibility of connecting by chance is high.

[0011] Drawing 1 is a block diagram for explaining one example (example 1) of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention, and, for N-gram logging equipment and 3, as for N-gram word storage (frequency-of-occurrence storage) and 5, the frequency total equipment of N-gram and 4 are [one / the object document input section and 2 / count equipment and 6] classification equipment whenever [coincidence] among drawing.

[0012] N-gram (N= 1, 2 and 3, --, Nmax) of a word is started with N-gram logging equipment 2 from the object document which read the object document from the object document input section 1, and was read from this object document input section 1. The frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this N-gram logging equipment 2 is totaled with frequency total equipment 3, and the frequency of occurrence totaled by said frequency total equipment 3 is remembered to be a N-gram connection word with the word storage 4.

[0013] Whenever [coincidence / of N-gram] is calculated with count equipment 5 whenever [coincidence] using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram (in the case of N= 1), and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself. Classification equipment 6 puts in order and changes the information in the word storage 4 with the value of whenever [coincidence / which was calculated with count equipment 5 whenever / said coincidence]. Thus, it can discern whether they are whether the entry which consists of two or more words is coincided also to the idiom and copula by combination of the word which is not a high word of an expert, and the connection depended by chance, and the efficient degree of coincidence can collect strong copulas automatically.

[0014] Drawing 2 and drawing 3 are the flow charts for explaining actuation of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention. Hereafter, according to each step (S), it explains in order. First, Variable i and Variable j are set to 1 (S1), and it judges whether the value whose value of Variable j is the number N of the maximum copula connection was exceeded (S2). If it is not over the value of N next, from the object document input section 1, j word is inputted from i word eye from the head of the text, and it stores in Variable words (S3). Next, if it judges whether the word of eye watch (i+j -1) exists and (S4) and a word exist next, it will judge whether the word train in words already exists in the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S5). If it does not exist, the contents of words are memorized as a count 1 of an appearance to the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S6), only 1 counts up Variable j (S7), and it returns to said step S2.

[0015] In said step S5, if the word train in words has already existed in the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4, only 1 will count up the count of an appearance of the contents of words memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S8), and it will go to said step S7. In said step S2, if the value whose value of Variable j is the number N of the maximum copula connection is exceeded, 1 will be set to j, i will be counted up one time, and it will go to (S9) and said step S3. In said step S4, it judges whether if the word of eye watch (i+j -1) does not exist next, j is equal to i (S10), and if not equal, if equal, i-1 will be set to going and the variable A which memorizes the total number of words of an object document to said step S9 (S11).

[0016] Next, whenever [coincidence / of the copula of the amount size N individual memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4] is calculated. The information which memorized the result to the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 (S12), and was memorized by the frequency-of-occurrence storage 4 with classification equipment 6 is changed together with the high order of whenever [coincidence] (S13).

[0017] Hereafter, the example 1 of this invention is concretely explained based on an example. The text is inputted from the object document input section.

[0018]

[Table 1]

The orchestra gave him superb support. ← 入力文
(語番号 1 2 3 4 5 6)

[0019] The example which carries out automatic extracting of the 3 grams [a maximum of] copula is explained. First, initial value 1 is set to one variables i and j (S1). Since an object document is read from the object input section 1 and Variable j is not over the three maximum copulas (S2), one word (j= 1) is obtained from a head (i= 1) (S3). That is, "The" is obtained. Since an i+j-1=1 position word exists, (S4) and this word investigate whether the N-gram word storage 4 memorizes (S5). Since it does not memorize yet, a word "The" is newly memorized as the count 1 of an appearance to the N-gram word storage 4 (S6). When having already memorized, only 1 counts up the count of an appearance (S8). Only 1 counts up j (S7) and then two words (j+1) are obtained from a head (i= 1).

[0020] That is, "The orchestra" is obtained. Since an i+j-1=2 position word exists, (S4) and this word investigate whether the N-gram word storage 4 memorizes. Since it does not memorize yet, it memorizes newly and the count of an appearance is set to 1. At the time of j= 3, "The orchestra gave" is obtained similarly. It will be set to j= 4 if one j is

counted up (S7). Since j exceeds three maximum copula connection, 1 is set to j , i is counted up one time, and it is referred to as 2 (S9).

[0021] Next, one word ($j=1$) is obtained from the 2nd word ($i=2$). "orchestra" is obtained. If the connection word is started like the case of $i=1$, counting up j to a maximum of 3, "orchestra gave" and "orchestra gave him" will be started, and N-gram word storage will memorize with the count of an appearance. Said processing is repeated to $i=6$. Finally the contents of drawing 4 are memorized by the N-gram word storage 4. Then, according to a formula (1), whenever [coincidence / of each copula] is calculated from the frequency of occurrence, and a result is memorized to the word storage 4 (S12). Furthermore, it does again a classification (sort) in the expensive order of whenever [coincidence].

[0022] For example, when preparing 1 million object input statements and extracting the connection word of a maximum of 3, the N-gram word storage 4 after count becomes like drawing 5 whenever [coincidence]. It is not asking for whenever [coincidence] about the case of $N=1$. It sorts in the magnitude of the value of whenever [coincidence], for example, a threshold, such as making 50% of high orders into a candidate, is decided, or the number of copulas sorts with the value of whenever [coincidence] to things same (as the sort approach). There can be quick sort, a merge sort, a simple sorting method, etc., and can carry out, and the method of setting up the value of whenever [coincidence / of the copula extracted for every copula of each die length] more than with a certain threshold can extract the strong copula of whenever [coincidence] automatically.

[0023] The part which drawing 6 is a block diagram for explaining other examples (example 2) of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention, and seven are conditioning storage pattern match equipment and 8 among drawing, in addition carries out the same operation as drawing 1 has attached the same sign.

[0024] N-gram ($N=1, 2$ and $3, \dots, N_{\max}$) of a word is started with N-gram logging equipment 2 from the object document which read the object document from the object document input section 1, and was read from this object document input section 1. The frequency of occurrence of the connection word of N-gram started by this N-gram logging equipment 2 is totaled with frequency total equipment 3, and the frequency of occurrence totaled by said frequency total equipment 3 is remembered to be a N-gram connection word with the word storage 4.

[0025] Whenever [coincidence / of N-gram] is calculated with count equipment 5 whenever [coincidence] using the frequency of occurrence in the object document of each word which constitutes said N-gram (in the case of $N=1$), and the frequency of occurrence of N-gram itself. Classification equipment 6 puts in order and changes the information in the word storage 4 with the value of whenever [coincidence / which was calculated with count equipment 5 whenever / said coincidence]. Thus, it can discern whether they are whether the entry which consists of two or more words is coincided also to the idiom and copula by combination of the word which is not a high word of an expert, and the connection depended by chance, and the efficient degree of coincidence can collect strong copulas automatically.

[0026] The configuration which does not suit the conditions which should be extracted as vocabulary is memorized, pattern match equipment 7 is for eliminating N-gram suitable for the configuration memorized in said conditioning store 8, and the conditioning store 8 can extract a copula with still more sufficient extent by using these. That is, in an example 2, the configuration which does not suit an extraction condition as vocabulary requires very the pattern which cannot serve as a copula easily. For example, there is two connection of a word different from the case of 2 connection words of an article and one certain word or pronouns (English his, my, your, their, them, him, etc.) etc.

[0027] The example of an example 2 is shown below. The example of Table 2 is the case where it is eliminated from the object of the extract vocabulary, when it is "the", "a", "an", "his" or, and -- limited the number of connection with 2, and the first word of 2 connection words in that case was remembered to be in equipment. A pattern match is performed by the string comparison with pattern match equipment 7.

[0028]

[Table 2]

連接数	先頭語
2	the
2	a
2	an
2	his
2	her
2	their
2	my
2	your

[0029] Moreover, it is the case where the copula whose 2nd word it is "the", "a" or, and "an" limited the number of connection with 2, and the first word of 2 connection words in that case was remembered to be in equipment in the

example of Table 3, and is "in", "of", "with", "--"from", or "to" is eliminated from the object of the extract vocabulary. A pattern match is performed by the string comparison with pattern match equipment 7.

[0030]

[Table 3]

連接数	先頭語	第2単語
2	the	in
	a	of
	an	with
		for
		on
		from
		to

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is a block diagram for explaining one example of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is a flow chart (the 1) for explaining actuation of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is a flow chart (the 2) for explaining actuation of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention.

[Drawing 4] It is drawing showing the example of storage of the N-gram word storage in this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is drawing showing other examples of storage of the N-gram word storage in this invention.

[Drawing 6] It is a block diagram for explaining other examples of the copula automatic extracting equipment by this invention.

[Description of Notations]

1--1 is [-- It is count equipment and 6 whenever / coincidence / -- It is classification equipment and 7. / -- It is pattern match equipment and 8. / -- It is a conditioning store.] the object document input section and 2. -- It is N-gram logging equipment and 3. -- It is the frequency total equipment of N-gram, and 4. -- It is a N-gram word store and 5.

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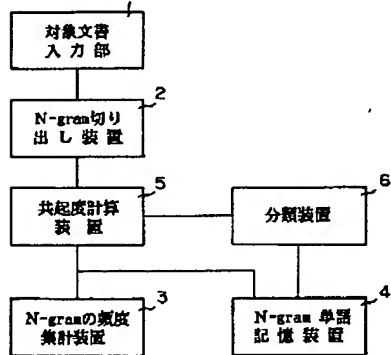
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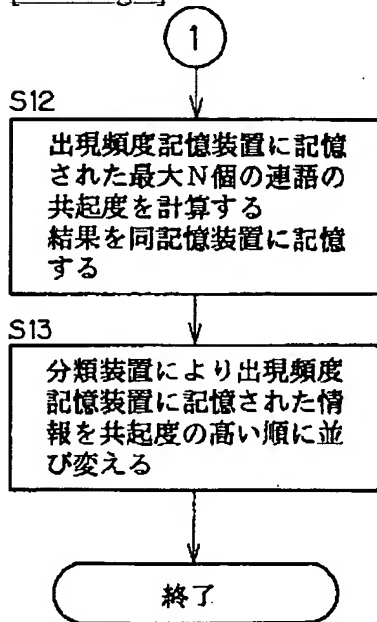
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[Drawing 1]



[Drawing 3]



[Drawing 4]

連語	出現頻度	共起度
The	1	-
The orchestra	1	-
The orchestra gave	1	-
orchestra	1	-
orchestra gave	1	-
orchestra gave him	1	-
gave	1	-
gave him	1	-
gave him superb	1	-
him	1	-
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him superb support	1	-
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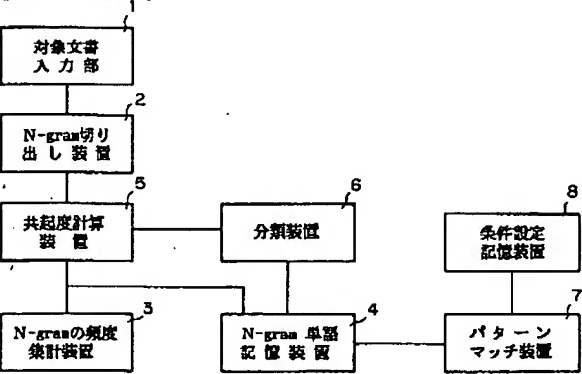
N-gram単語記憶装置の記憶例

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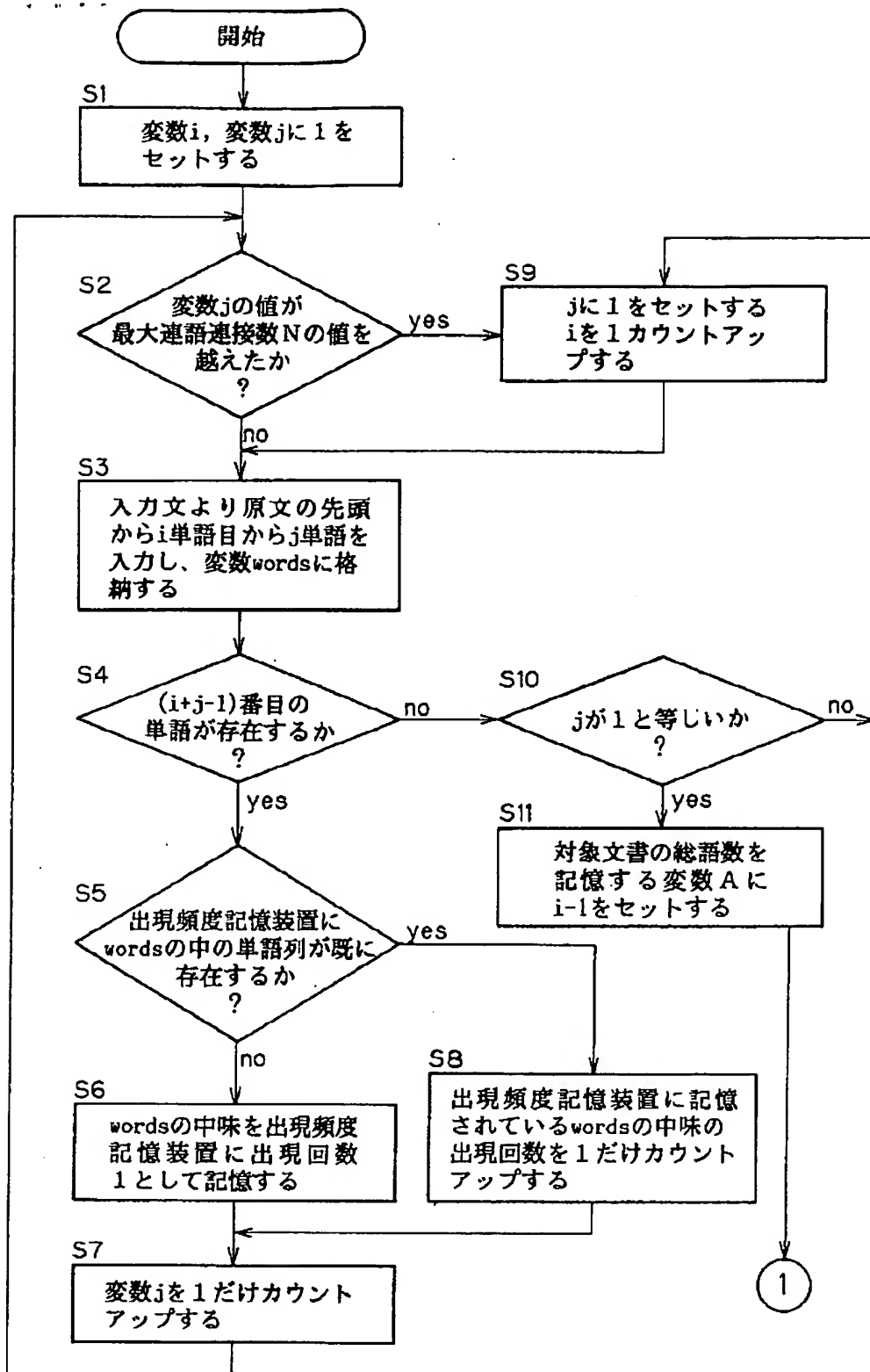
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rouge	24	
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over	2437	
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seeking comment	11	51
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over yesterday's	8	8
public employees	10	15
employees retirement	8	69

N-gram単語記憶装置の他の記憶例

[Drawing 6]



[Drawing 2]



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